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After Letter from Governor Tim Walz, White House Approves Disaster Declaration

April 7, 2020

[ST. PAUL, MN] – Following an April 5 letter from Governor Tim Walz, President Donald Trump today declared a major disaster in the State of Minnesota and ordered federal assistance to help mitigate the pandemic's impact on public health, state resources, unemployment, and community infrastructure such as health care facilities.

“It’s going to take all of us to come together to fight COVID-19,” said Governor Walz. **“We’re working closely with our partners at both the local and federal levels to ensure we protect Minnesotans’ health and wellbeing during this pandemic.”**

On March 13, 2020, Governor Walz declared a peacetime emergency in Minnesota, and the President declared a nationwide emergency due to COVID-19. On March 20, Governor Walz signed a COVID-19 agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), permitting FEMA to provide Minnesota with federal emergency relief funds. This approval will unlock Individual Assistance programs for Minnesota.

This will provide authorization for funding to support crisis counseling, supplemental nutrition programs, medical assistance, funeral assistance, legal services, and statewide hazard mitigation.

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